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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MPOL, NATO, UK  
SUBJECT: UK PRESENTATION TO DPC ON BRITISH MARITIME CON-  
TRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE

1. UK CHARGE (HOLMER) INFORMED PERMREPS BY LETTER ON  
FEBRUARY 21, 1978 THAT HIS AUTHORITIES ARE OFFERING THE  
DPC AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE A PRESENTATION (TENTATIVELY  
SET FOR 4 APRIL) ON THE UK'S MARITIME CONTRIBUTION TO THE  
ALLIANCE. THE RATIONALE FOR PROVISION OF THE PRESENTATION  
IS PROVIDED IN PARA 2 BELOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE IMPORTANCE OF TIMELY REINFORCEMENT  
AND RE-SUPPLY OF ALLIED COMMAND EUROPE BY SEA IN THE FACE  
OF THE VERY SUBSTANTIAL SOVIET NAVAL THREAT IS, OF COURSE,  
FULLY APPRECIATED WITHIN THE ALLIANCE. HOWEVER, THE CON-  
TRIBUTION TO OVERALL DETERRENCE AND TO THE DEFENSE OF THE  
ALLIANCE BY NATO'S NAVAL FORCES AND AIR FORCES ASSIGNED TO  
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MARITIME DPERATIONS MAY BE LESS WELL KNOWN THAN THAT OF  
THE NATO LAND AND AIR FORCES IN EUROPE. AS THE UK MAKES A  
MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIANCE'S MARITIME FORCES IN THE  
EASTERN ATLANTIC AND THIS IS INDEED ONE OF THE PRIORITY  
AREAS FOR OUR DEFENSE EFFORT, MY AUTHORITIES FEEL IT WOULD  
BE HELPFUL TO GIVE A PRESENTATION ON IT. END TEXT.  
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